

MR. FIGG ADMITS THAT HE CANNOT SCARE PROFITEERS

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big profiteer, prosecute him and punish him severely, thus scaring the others? A. They don't scare. If they were afraid, they'd be afraid of the law; apparently they are not. Making an example of one case wouldn't do any good.

Q. The Evening World has conducted a careful research and investigation, demonstrating conclusively that after case of profiteering. Have you seen these articles? A. They are all on my desk.

Q. What do you think of them? A. I cannot make any statement in regard to that for publication.

Q. The Evening World has shown many specific instances of profiteering. Why not prosecute one of the many cases that we have thus exposed? A. Well—it's a big problem. It's very complicated. The cases you speak of are not all violations of the law.

Q. But if some of them are, why not pick out one of the many big companies we have exposed and prosecute them—make an example of that company? A. It is a big problem. It is very complicated. We cannot tell the public all the big things we are doing.

Q. Yes, but why not prosecute some of the cases that The Evening World has brought to light? A. We are looking into some of them.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MAN GETS A BARGAIN.

Here the Packard stopped before the John Ward Shoe Shop on Broadway, near 34th Street. Mr. Figg inquired for Mr. Wilson, a salesman who had served him the night before, and asked whether the golf shoes that he had looked at the night before were still there. The shoes were produced, low spiked tan shoes of a distinctive cut. Mr. Figg ordered them wrapped up and gave him the address of the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

"How much are they?" asked the reporter.

"Four dollars," said Mr. Figg.

"Wonderful bargain—wish I knew where I could get a pair like that at \$4."

"There are plenty of bargains round if you know where to look for them," said Mr. Figg.

The bargain market was weaker yesterday when the reporter telephoned the John Ward store, and asked the price of "low, spiked, tan golf shoes."

"Ten dollars, sir," came back over the wire from the sport shoe department.

"But haven't you got anything cheaper? Any old stock or something of the sort?"

"There may be some old stock at \$2," said the salesman. "What's your size, I'll see."

"Eight-D," admitted the reporter.

"There was a long wait and the salesman returned to the wire.

"We have some old stock in 8-D at \$2," he said.

"But I was in Saturday and a Mr. Wilson sold me a pair of those shoes for \$4," said the reporter.

"I'll call Mr. Wilson," was the answer. Mr. Wilson came to the wire.

"Mr. Wilson," said the reporter, "was in your shop Saturday with Mr. Figg when he bought some low spiked golf shoes from you at \$4. Have you any of those in stock now?"

"They were a good bargain and I'd like to get a pair."

"Ah, yes—but I'm afraid Mr. Figg was joking you when he said that he paid \$4 for them," said Mr. Wilson.

"Those shoes cost him \$7, but I thought I would keep up the joke as he was joking you."

"Well, can I get a pair of those for \$7?" said the hopeful reporter.

"In 8-D those shoes will be \$9," came the positive answer.

But let us get back into the Packard and with Mr. Figg and continue our interview again. Having left John Ward's, Mr. Figg ordered the chauffeur to drive to Horvitz Teller's. The reporter picked up the thread of the interview.

Q. What is the present situation? A. In the price of anything going down.

Q. Women's garments, except gloves and stockings, are going down. Goods that last fall cost \$40 were replaced at \$30. Now the replacements are at \$20.

Q. Why? A. No demand. The old law of supply and demand always works.

Q. What about groceries? A. They have also come down.

Q. We don't notice it here. A. You will. Demand and supply will slowly solve the problem.

Q. Anything else goes down? A. No. I cannot say that anything has.

Q. How about men's clothes? A. They will go up next fall.

Q. Why? A. Labor conditions.

Q. Well, is the only result of all the work that your department has done been the fact that lack of demand has lowered the price of women's clothing? A.—Supply and demand always solve the problem.

Q.—How many prosecutions have you had? A.—About a thousand.

Q.—How many convictions? A.—Why, some of them have not come to trial yet.

Q.—Yes, but how many convictions? A.—Some of the cases are now awaiting trial.

Q.—Can you point to one notable case of the conviction of a profiteer? A.—I cannot at the moment recall such a case.

Q.—Can you point to one where the work of your department has lowered the cost of living in any one commodity? A.—No, I cannot do that.

Q.—I have here a clipping from The Evening World's profiteering series showing that the Manhattan Shirt Company increased its operating income 275 per cent. in four years, and that in this period the earnings had jumped from 4 per cent. to 15 per cent. What do you think of that? A.—It is certainly unreasonable.

The car had stopped at the entrance to Horvitz Teller's on Fifth Avenue. The chauffeur asked the doorman for a number. Mr. Figg appeared uneasy.

"I am very sorry to seem to shorten the interview," said Mr. Figg, "but I really feel that this is as far as I am going in your direction."

"Well, I do not feel that I have all the facts in the campaign that has lowered the cost of living," said the reporter. "It is something that the people of New York want to know about. We haven't quite done it justice in this short talk. Can you give me, say, a good hour's talk on this to-morrow, telling just how living costs are being lowered?"

"I am awfully sorry, but I shall be tremendously rushed all day to-morrow, and leave for Washington to-morrow night. Goodbye," said Mr. Figg.

DUPED WOMAN IS CHARGE.

"Kid Gilbert" charged with getting \$285 by Fake Ad.

John Fitzgerald, known to the police as "Kid Gilbert," said to have a prison record, is under arrest on charge of working a confidence game.

Miss Melville D. S. Cooper of No. 22 East 124th Street, at February answered an advertisement for a governess to go to California. As evidence of good faith she was told she would have to pay her own way and met a man to whom she says she turned over \$145 in cash and \$240 in war savings stamps to buy the ticket. That was the last she saw of him. Miss Cooper identified the picture of Fitzgerald as that of the man who tricked her.

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Arthur L. Hall, Who Killed Mrs. A. M. Hart, Gets Two to Three Years.

Arthur L. Hall, No. 204 West 58th Street, was sentenced to Sing Sing for two to three years by Judge Nott in General Sessions to-day for manslaughter. He killed Mrs. Anna M. Hart, No. 143 West 110th Street, and injured her husband, Lyman C. Hart, in Riverside Drive last May, striking both with his taxicab, which he was driving at high speed.

The jury recommended mercy, and Assistant District Attorney Broderick, who prosecuted, added a word to the plea, as Hall's record had been good and he leaves a wife and two children in poverty.

Judge Nott said his duty was hard but the public must be protected. He did show clemency, however, for he might have imposed a fifteen-year sentence.

The conviction was largely based on the testimony of Charles Stowe Reno, who saw the accident from the window of his apartment on the drive, using a powerful binocular.

QUINNELL IS SUED BY FORMER WIFE

She Asks \$25,000 of Minister's Son Accused of Marrying Her When Already Wed.

Robert George Quinnell, son of the late Rev. R. G. Quinnell, for many years rector of the Church of the Ascension, on Fifth Avenue, was to-day made defendant in a \$25,000 suit for damages brought by Miss Madeline M. Piercy of Belleville, N. J., who obtained an annulment of her marriage to Quinnell last fall.

According to Miss Piercy, she met Quinnell at a church social and married him on March 21, 1919. Three days later, she testified, she accompanied her husband to his mother's home at No. 133 West 11th Street, where she learned he was a married man with a child.

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